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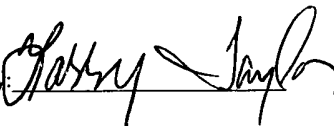
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Responsive to the *Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371* dated July 17, 2002, in connection with the above-referenced patent application, a *Translation of the application into English*, an *executed Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney*, and a copy of the *Notification of Missing Requirements* are submitted herewith.

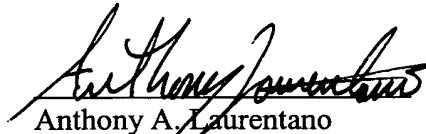
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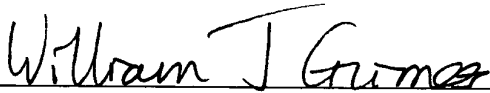
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I hereby declare and state that I am knowledgeable of each of the German and English languages and that I made and reviewed the attached translation of the attached patent application entitled "Filter with Combined Valve Component" from the German language into the English language, and that I believe my attached translation to be accurate, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Date: March 28, 2002



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